

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): Method A method for removing ammonia and dust from a waste gas that occurs during the production of fertilizers, ~~preferably urea~~, in which method the waste gas is introduced into a first washer, and a cooling gas is introduced into a second washer, and additional water is introduced into the ~~one~~ first washer and an aqueous solution is introduced into the ~~other~~ second washer, whereby wherein both the waste gas and the cooling gas pass through at least one mist collector before exiting from the respective first and second washer, in each instance, wherein the additional water is first introduced into a fine-washing area of the first washer, delimited by the mist collector on the top and by a liquid-impermeable partition bottom at the bottom, and sprayed onto the at least one mist collector, and the aqueous solution that forms in the fine-washing area is subsequently passed into the second

washer.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) : ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution that exits from the second washer is introduced into the main washing area of the first washer, provided below the partition bottom, into which the waste gas also enters.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) : ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein a bell-shaped bottom is used as the partition bottom.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) : ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein an acid is introduced into the fine-washing area of the first washer.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) : ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein a urea concentration of 40-60%, ~~preferably 55%~~ is set in the main washing area of the first washer.